GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:564
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CONSTRUCTION OF UNDER BRIDGES/ OVER BRIDGES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct railway under bridges/over bridges at unmanned railway crossings to bring down the number of accidents at such crossings;

(b) if so, the division-wise details in particular for Rajasthan thereof;

(c) the division-wise details regarding the existing unmanned crossings in Rajasthan;

(d) whether any case is pending in the Supreme Court in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Railways have decided to replace technically feasible unmanned level crossings by Limited Height Subways. Division-wise details of Unmanned level crossings proposed for replacement by Limited Height Subways falling in the State of Rajasthan are as under:

Railway	Division	No of LCs to be replaced by Limited Height Subways
North Western Railway	Ajmer	3
West Central Railway	Kota	8
Total		11

(c): Number of existing Unmanned level crossings (Division −wise)in the State of Rajasthan is as under:

Railway	Division	Number of Unmanned Level crossings(Excluding D class Cattle crossings & Canal Crossings)
Northern Railway	Ambala	23
North Central Railway	Jhansi	53
	Agra	69
North Western Railway	Ajmer	366
	Bikaner	105
	Jaipur	209
	Jodhpur	552
West Central Railway	Kota	106
Western Railway	Ratlam	4
	Total	1487

(d)&(e): No, Sir. Consumer Education and research centre, Ahmedabad has filed a Writ Petition (Civil) vide case No 162 of 2001 in which the following are the main issues raised:-
1. Seeking amendment to the extent of liability of railways regarding payment of compensation.
2. Various cases of payment of compensation and related litigations.
3. Payment of ex-gratia in the cases of accidents at level crossings.
4. Conversion of unmanned level crossings to manned level crossing gates and Railways programme for the same including the availability of funds.